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SUBJECT: GFUI-09-9322/TAJIKISTAN/DEA DUSHANBE COUNTRY OFFICE JOINT INITIATION OF COUNTER NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

- 11. (SBU) ON 03/31/09, ACTING COUNTRY ATTACHI FOR THE DEA DUSHANBE COUNTRY OFFICE (DCO), MICHAEL W. BROWN MET WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI) FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, COL. MANSUR BUHORIEV. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF THREE NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED BY THE MOI AND SUPPORTED BY THE DCO. THE DCO IS MAKING A CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A MORE DEFINED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MOI WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE INITIATION OF BILATERAL INVESTIGATIONS, SHARING OF NARCOTIC RELATED INFORMATION AND THE COOPERATIVE PLANNING OF NARCOTIC OPERATIONS IN TAJIKISTAN.
- 12. (SBU) COL. BUHORIEV REPORTED ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NARCOTIC RELATED PROBLEMS THAT THE MOI FACES IS THE PROLIFERATION OF NUMEROUS AFGHAN CROSS-BORDER TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS TRANSPORTING AND SELLING NARCOTICS IN TAJIKISTAN. COL. BUHORIEV STATED SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZE TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN AFGHANISTAN ALONG THE TAJIK-AFGHAN BORDER FREQUENTLY CROSS THE TAJIK BORDER IN ORDER TO SELL MULTI-KILOGRAM QUANTITIES OF HEROIN, OPIUM AND HASHISH TO AFGHAN OR TAJIK BROKERS. THE BROKERS PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT THE NARCOTICS THROUGH TAJIKISTAN TO DISTRIBUTION MARKETS IN RUSSIAN, TURKEY OR WESTERN EUROPE.
- 13. (SBU) COL. BUHORIEV, WORKING THROUGH THE MOI HAS ESTABLISHED A NUMBER OF CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES (CS) WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST THE MOI WITH THE INITIATION OF UNDERCOVER BUY/BUST OPERATIONS TARGETING SPECIFIC TRAFFICKING CELLS OPERATING ALONG TAJIK-AFGHAN BORDER. THE MOI DOES NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY HIGH PRIORITY TARGETS (HPT) THAT COORDINATE, MANAGE, AND ARE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO DEA PRIORITY TARGETS IN AFGHANISTAN OR THE SURROUNDING REGION. (AGENTS NOTE; THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MOI SOURCES REFERENCED IN THIS REPORT IS RAW UNEVALUATED DATA WHICH WILL BE FURTHER CONFIRMED BY THE MOI THROUGH ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE DEVELOPMENT.)
- 14. (SBU) THE DCO WILL WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MOI PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THEIR INVESTIGATION. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ON-GOING CASE INVESTIGATIONS.

- 15. (SBU) DURING MARCH 2009, THE MOI INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION TARGETING THE DESIGNER DRUG DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES OF NEMATULLO ISMATULLOEVICH DILDOROV. (DILDOROV IS DESCRIBED AS A TAJIKISTANI MALE NATIONAL.) THE MOI DEVELOPED SOURCE INFORMATION WHICH STATED THAT DILDOROV WAS DISTRIBUTING MULTI-GRAM QUANTITIES OF ECSTASY IN DUSHANBE. AGENTS NOTE: ECSTASY IS THE NAME FOR THE DESIGNER DRUG, MDMA (3, 4-METHYLENEDIOXYMETHAMPHETAMINE.)
- 16. (SBU) ON MARCH 24, 2009, THE MOI CONDUCTED AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF DILDOROV AND THE SEIZURE OF 50 ECSTASY PILLS; THE STREET VALUE FOR EACH PILL IS APPROXIMATELY \$12.00 IN DUSHANBE. DURING THE UNDERCOVER OPERATION THREE ORGANIZATIONAL ASSOCIATES OF DILDOROV WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM DILDOROV INDICATED THAT THE ECSTASY WAS SMUGGLED INTO TAJIKISTAN FROM RUSSIA. ONCE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FOR DILDOROV, SUCH AS POSSIBLE PHONE NUMBERS AND OTHER IDENTIFIERS, THE DCO WILL ANALYZE THE DATA IN AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THE TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH DILDOROV. ACCORDING TO THE MOI, THEY ARE AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING ALL LEADS WHICH WILL ASSIST IN THE LOCATION AND APPREHENSION OF THE THREE REMAINNG SUBJECTS. THE INVESTIGATION IS ON GOING.
- 17. (SBU) THE SECOND INVESTIGATION INVOLVES AN AFGHAN-CROSS BORDER TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO MOI SOURCE INFORMATION, AFGHAN-CROSS BORDER TRAFFICKING CELLS ARE CONTINUALLY ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH TRAFFICKING/TRANSPORTATION RELATIONSHIPS WITH TRAFFICKING ELEMENTS BASED IN TAJIKISTAN. ACCORDING TO SOURCE INFORMATION, THE SURPLUS OF NARCOTICS BASED ALONG THE AFGHAN BORDER HAVE CREATED A BUYERS' MARKET IN WHICH QUANTITIES OF HEROIN, OPIUM, AND HASHISH FAR EXCEED THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE BUYER/BROKERS. SOURCE INFORMATION REPORTS THAT THE EXCESS ABUNDANCE OF NARCOTICS LOCATED ALONG THE BORDER WILL RESULT IN A HIGHER NUMBER OF TAJIK BORDER CROSSINGS BY AFGHAN TRAFFICKING GROUPS.
- 18. (SBU) A CS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MOI HAS REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF AN AFGHAN TRAFFICKING CELL BASED IN THE KHATLON PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN TAJIKISTAN HAVE CONTACTED HIM/HER CONCERNING THE SALE OF 20 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2000.00 AND AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF EXPORT QUALITY WHITE HEROIN. (HASHISH PRICES ALONG THE BORDER RANGE BETWEEN \$80 AND \$100.00 PER KILOGRAM; OPIUM IS APPROXIMATELY \$190.00 PER KILOGRAM; EXPORT WHITE HEROIN IS APPROXIMATELY \$3000.00 PER KILOGRAM. THE PURCHASE PRICES FOR NARCOTIC DELIVERIES TO DUSHANBE INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 15 PERCENT.) THE CS IS IN A POSITION TO INTRODUCE MOI UNDERCOVER AGENTS TO THE AFGHAN TRAFFICKERS; THE MOI INTENDS TO BUY/WALK 20 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO RE-ORDER AN ADDITIONAL 200 KILOGRAMS TO INCLUDE 5 TO 10 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN. THE AFGHAN TRAFFICKERS HAVE STATED THAT ONCE THE 20 KILOGRAM HASHISH SALE HAS BEEN COMPLETED THEY WANT A TOYOTA LAND CRUISER (APPROXIMATELY VALUE \$35,000) IN EXCHANGE FOR THE 200 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH AND THE HEROIN. THE INVESTIGATION IS ON-GOING.
- 19. (SBU) A CS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MOI HAS REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF AN AFGHAN TRAFFICKING CELL BASED ALONG THE TAJIK-AFGHAN BORDER ARE ATTEMPTING TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 40 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM AND 2 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN. THE CS IS IN THE PROCESS TO ARRANGING AN UNDERCOVER MEETING BETWEEN MOI AGENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFICKING CELL. THE INVESTIGATION IS ON-GOING.
- 110. (SBU) THE DCO WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE MOI CONCERNING THE ABOVE MENTIONED INVESTIGATIONS.
- 111. (SBU) THE AFOREMENTIONED INVESTIGATIONS MAY APPEAR TO BE MODEST, BUT GIVEN THE MOI'S LACK OF INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE OPERATIONAL PLANNING OF UNDERCOVER NARCOTIC OPERATIONS, SOURCE RECRUITMENT AND USAGE AND BUY/WALK OPERATIONS, THEY REPRESENT AN ADVANTAGEOUS TRAINING/OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE DCO CAN DIRECTLY ASSIST THE MOI IN FURTHERING THEIR INVESTIGATIVE SKILL LEVEL.
- 12. (SBU) THE DCA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE MOI CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASES, IN ADDITION TO ESTABLISHING NEW INVESTIGATIONS.

113. (SBU) THIS CABLE WAS PREPARED IN LIEU OF A DEA-6; REFERENCE THE DEA MANUAL SECTION 6242.11. ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF THIS CABLE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ACTING COUNTRY ATTACHI MICHAEL W. BROWN AT 992-37-229-2807.

INDEXING SECTION:

11. DILDOROV, NEMATULLO ISMATULLOEVICH NADDIS: NEGATIVE; DESCRIBED AS A TAJIK MALE NATIONAL; DOB: 1983. ON MARCH 27, 2009, DILDOROV WAS ARRESTED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN FOR DISTRIBUTING ECSTASY IN DUSHANBE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE INFORMATION, DILDOROV IS ASSOCIATED WITH A CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED RUSSIAN TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

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